GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Norms for Construction of Buildings around Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of multi-storey buildings are being constructed surrounding some airports of the country causing obstacles in the flight path of aircrafts and if so, the details thereof, airport-wise;

(b) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered about 70 buildings in Vile Parle, Santacruz and Ghatkopar in Mumbai to reduce their height after an order of the Mumbai High Court in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time given by DGCA to implement the same;

(d) whether most of the buildings have copies of height clearance certificates issued by Airports Authority of India;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such notices issued by DGCA; and

(f) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) : Yes, Madam. In order to ensure the safety of aircraft operations, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (Height Restrictions for Safeguarding the Aircraft Operations) Rules, 2015 published vide GSR 751 (E) dated 30.10.2015 restricts the height of buildings/structures within certain distance from airports and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been entrusted with the task of issuing No Objection Certificate (NOC) for construction of buildings within the restricted area. ;
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(b) & (c) : In compliance to the directions issued by the Hon"ble High Court of Bombay and survey conducted by the Mumbai International Airport Ltd., DGCA had issued orders to reduce height of 63 buildings within 60 days, as per Rule 6 of the Aircraft (Demolition of obstructions caused by Buildings and Trees etc.) Rules, 1994 in May/June, 2017.
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(d) to (f) : None of the owners of the above mentioned 63 buildings had NOC from AAI.